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THE ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE (ASC)

1. ORIGIN

The ASC per so originated in April 1955 in No Delhi, India, at a con-

ference which was first called "The Asian Conference for Relaxation of Inter-

national Tension' but later changed to WThe Conference of Asian Countries",

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the Relaxation of International Tension held in Stockholm in June 1954; and An Asian meeting was discussed again at a WPC meeting in November of that year in the same city.

A. Historical Background

The historical background that led to the Conference of Asian Countries which, in turn, created the Asian Solidarity Committee, is best covered in descriptions of two preceding WPC events, the World Conference for the Relaxation of International Tension in Stockholm in June 1954 and a plenary session of the World Peace Council in November of the same year. To these will be added an account of the Conference of Asian Countries in April 1955.

(1) World Conference for the Relaxation of International Tension

The relaxation of international tension was a prominent subject at a WPC meeting in Budapest in June 1953 and continued to be featured in WPC propaganda up to and since the Stockholm June 1954.

This world Conference for the Relaxation of International Tension was a noticeable departure from previous

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"peace" meetings which openly fulfilled their role as propaganda events. It was obvious that the Communist policy for this conference was to make no direct propaganda out of it and to conceal the WPC sponsorship, although care was taken to insure WPC control, Of the twenty individuals chosen to act as the official committee for the event, five were from Communist-controlled countries, and seven more had connections with Communist front The meeting was reportedly first proposed by organizations). WPC Vice President Pietro Nenni at a WPC session in Vienna in November 1953 but the first organizational steps for the gathering ibuted to a meeting for representatives of various French The project was then political parties in May 1954, taken up by representatives of pacifist forces in many countries. ✓ Invitees were promised nothing would be published concerning the meeting except by unanimous consent of the delegates. Headquarters, set up in Stockissued no statements. at the time of the meeting holm prior to the meeting, held to dead silence. Mr. Duncan Jones, former secretary of the British peace committee but now a full-time WPC employed answered no phone calls, received no visitors, and issued none of the usual strident Communist phrases.

Speeches at the conference were much more restrained than at previous "peace" meetings. Although nothing was said in any way critical of the Soviet Union, an attempt was made to appear impartial and to avoid blatant abuse of the West except in a few cases. Actually, the proceedings seemed to be the first reflection of a warning Pierre Cot had given had the near-failure

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termed a "Conference of Asian Countries", only delegates from Communist states were officially appointed and entitled to speak for their countries; the others had no official status and could only profess to do so. This latter group were mostly rank-and-file Communists or prominent fellow travelers. Leading figures of the Indian CP came to New Delhi but stayed in the background. One Indian paper reported that "the Conference irritated the Government, disappointed its sponsors, and embarrassed the people associated with it" because of the increasingly obvious Communist domination and guidance.

After this inauspicious start, the Conference, with Mrs. Nehru presiding, proceeded in the luxurious surroundings of one of New Delhi's finest hotels. It launched into effusions of praise for Panch Shila, Asian solidarity, and peace; denunciation of foreign intervention, the "bellicose French and interventionist Americans", aggression, military alliances formed "under the aegis of Western Powers", (net even a casual reference to the Sino-Soviet military pact), and colomialism (no sign of the incongruity of presence in this "anti-colomial" company of Russia, imperialist of Eastern Europe, and China, attacker of Tibet); and declarations of the Asian pacific desire to be saved from a self-styled friends."

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moved to Geneva to escape U.S. domination, Dr. Dawalibia . the combined Arab delegations, marked the conference as the unification of Arab and Asian efforts in the struggle against imperialisms The Arabs felt, they had tangible success at the conference. member of the Jordanian purliment, Nablus deputy and known Communist, upon his return home astically of their having forced the expuls is refund to the Pre should encourage such conferences as affording an opportunity to propagate the Arab cause on a world-wide scale. In fact, it was intimated that if the delegates returned from Bandung with less to show for the Arab cause, the Communists would have stolen their thunder. Dr. Anup Singh (India), former professor at Catholic and American Universities in Washington, Public Relations Officer of the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the chief Indian delegate to the UN Commission on Korea, listed eight world problems affecting Asia and called for their solution in terms consistent with Communist objectives #banning and control of atomic weapons, end of colonialism and foreign interference (citing Indo-China, West Iman, Taiwan, Goa, Malaya, Kenya, Morocco, Tunisia, and "other parts of Africa"), abolition of military pacts, removal of foreign troops (claiming there are 700 15. bases in Japan), admission of Red China to the UN and to the Security Council, normalization of diplomatic relations, unification of Korea, and the end of racial discrimination (particularly in South Africa). Kuo Mo-jo, concentrated The most prominent deligate & President, Chen Vier Chairmon Standing Committee of Perpetis Congress, Vice President, WPC) the National on Taiwan

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Communist propaganda throughout Asia and Africa and to create an

Western

organizational unit for the Communist campaign to destroy in power

and influence in Asia. Soviet representation in the Secretariat was

intended to keep the Soviet foot in the Asian door (especially at the

time when the USSR was excluded from the Bandung Conference) and, at

the same time, to place the USSR in the forefront as a promoter of

unity and cooperation among Asian nations.

"Asian solidarity" has become a rallying point for Asian propa-

"Asian solidarity" is a concept with which the Communists
hope to supplement and reinforce the "peace" theme which, long equated
with the defense of the Soviet Union had lost much of its appeal.

Asian solidarity, against the West and in support of liferation
movements as well as other forms of anti-colonialism, is a rallying
cry which International Communist has clearly stated it would
hereafter exploit at every opportunity.

recognize that the Communists must eventually admit that only one country western colonial control. However, the thin in Asja-Malaya-remains under Western colonial control. However, the thin we formation "remains valid for areas of afficar, and de Specific Identification.

The Asian Solidarity Committee should not be confused with the Liaison Bureau for Asia and Pacific Regions. The latter organization was set up by the WPC-sponsored Peace Congress for Asia and the Pacific Regions held in Peking in October 1952 and is openly acknowledged as an organizational unit of the WPC, with headquarters in Peking. As has been pointed out, while the Asian Solidarity Committee is also a creation of the WPC, the Council has gone to great lengths to conceal that fact,

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and claims it as a separate entity, which was conceived and implemented by Asians, many of whom are non-Communists. However, Liu Ning-1 is Secretary General of both the Liaison Bureau and of the Chinese Solidarity Committee, Senator Makumoto is Vice President of LBAPR and Japanese member of ASC Secretariat and there are numerous others who have dual membership in the solidarity committees and the WPC.

Organizational Structure and Officers.

The eite of the Asian Solidarity Committee is in India, and its liaison

work "Entrusted to our Indian friends". This was announced as a permanent location by LiuNing-i on 7 February 1956.

The structure of the organization as well as its aims, was set forth in the resolution adopted by the Asian Conference, quoted under a previous heading. The resolution specifically stated that "the Asian Solidarity Committee will consist of the members of the Presiding Committee and the Secretariat of the Conference are entrusted with the responsibility for the time being of coordinating the work of the committee and exploring the possibilities of setting up a permanent Asian Secretariat at some suitable time within three months, consisting of representatives from Eurma, Ceylon, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the Arab countries." So far as is known at present, the permanent Secretariat has not yet been named.

Since no roster of the Asian Solidarity Committee has been officially issued, at least in the West, it is necessary to identify its membership from

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H. C. Mathru (India)

- Democratic Party Leader in the Upper House of Indian Parliament; former minister in Jodhpur State.

Mr Youren (New Zealand) for or Farmer - designated as an "observer."

Secretary General of Burmese Clear Committee;

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Theja Gunewardene (Ceylon)

- Chief organizer and Vice President of the Association of Women's Institutes. Visited the US on a Leader Grant.

Lee Mong Gee (North Korea)

Pak Chong-ae (Pak Den-Ai) (North

Very influential Soviet-Korean leader; Stalin Prize winner; Vice Chairman of Korean Labor Party (CP); WPC member.

HAN Sol-ya - Chairman, Karean national Rean Committee.

Masanosuke Ikeda, A later report named Liu Ning-i of China, and Mrs Tomi Kora, and Jiichiro Matsumoto of Japan as also serving on the "presiding " committee. Other prominent presiding chairman were Kuo Mo-jo (later selected as chairman of the Chinese Asian Solidarity Committee) Vice President of the WPC; President of the Chinese Academy of Science; official of the word defend p 12 National People's Congress, K.S. Kalelkar (member of the Indian National Congress), and

Marouf el-Dawalibi (former Prime Minister of Syria). The actual composition of the Preparatory Committee (which presumably became the Asian Solidarity Committee) was further confused by the arrival in New Delhi of the Chinese and Soviets after the close of the meeting, but who remained there to work for the conference. These included Chen Shen Yu, (Chinese writer), and Colonel member of the Envet Union of Vailers, Nikolai Semenovich Tikonov (writer, chairman of the Soviet Preparatory Committee, And member of the WPC Bureau), A.V. Sofronov (former editor of Ogonek, organ of the CPSU Central Committee), and Oleg Skalkin (Pravda representative in New Delhi). In addition, two Israeli delegates reportedly came for the meeting but were persuaded not to attend lest their presence dissuade

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Arab delegations from participating in the Conference. There was also a reliable report that the WPC had asked their branches to see that their representatives were in New Delhi for the Preparatory meeting and remained to assist in the work of the Conference. The branches agreed on condition that the Preparatory Committee bear the expense of the delegates prolonged stay.

Their names were not published; they probably served on the various "staffs."

The Secretariat for the Conference as announced from New Delhi, (" as had been suggested in Stockholm") consisted of representatives from six countries — India, Burma, China, Japan, Stockholm " suggestion" had listed Indonesia instead of Eurma, which was probably changed due to the absence of Indonesia from the Preparatory meeting.

However, Indonesia was added to the list of the Permanent Asian Secretariat. Later, it was announced that an Arab representative would be " co-opted" into the Secretariat. So far, the known Secretariat members are A.V.Sofronov, USSR, Rames Vari Nehru — India, Hatanaka Masaharu — Japan, Chen Shen-yu — China.

This leaves Burma, Pakistan and Indonesia to be accounted for. According to the resolution establishing this Secretariat, the Indian Secretariat "entrusted " with the liaison work

with the parent body should be added to the above list. White ware Angles are c

Mrs Rameshwari Nehru 4-Dresident. Adviser to the Ministry of Rehabilitation, former president to the All-India Women's Conference

Syed Nausher Ali Concrel Secretary. Congress Party member of Parliament; former Minister of the Bengal Government; former Speaker of the West Bengal egislative Assembly.

Secretaries :

Dr. Anup Singh & Gongress Farty member of Parliament; former shairman of the UN Commission to Korea."

Dr Choithram Gidwani & Praja Socialist Party member of Parliament; president of the All-Whita Refugees Association; former president of the Sind Provincial Committee of the Congress farty.

Mrs Violet Alva - Congress Party member of Parliament; Vice President of the International Women Lawyers Association; former editor of Begum.

Treasurer: H.C. Mathur Deputy leader of the Democratic Rarty in the Upper House of the Parkiament, former minister in Jodhpur State.

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B National Committees.

National preparatory committees for the Conference of Asian

Countries were established generally throughout the area, names of

some of these energy ended. The Conference resolved that the original

preparatory committees should be responsible for setting up the national

Asian Solidarity Committees. It is probable that the preparatory

committees themselves will form at least the nucleus of the Solidarity

Committees, as happened in the cases of the only three such Committees

officially formed so far-in Japan, China, and India, USSR, Whiteham,

1. Japan.

Asian Solidarity Committee of Japan (ASCJ) (Nihon Ajia Rentai Iinkai.)

with the resolution passed at the Conference of Asian Countries

(Ajia Shokoku Kaigii). Preparations to organize a solidarity committee

in Japan started in July 1955 in a meeting of 11h representatives

from various circles, but the matter was deferred because of the World

Rally for Banning Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held in August 1955

In Name However, with the assistance of Anup Singh (India),

Gidwani (India), LIU Ning-i and HSIEH Ping-hsin (China), and Eugene

Zhukov (USSR), all of whom attended the aforesaid Rally, the ASCJ

was finally formed on 31 Oct 55 at a meeting held at the Josui Kaikan

in Kanda, Tokyo. In line with the aims outlined in the resolution

made in New Delhi, the ASCJ proposed to (a) promote friendship,

and goodwill and normalization of diplomatic relations with nations

of Asia and Africa; and (b) help solve mutual problems of Asian

and African nations, particularly their liberation from American and

British colonialism.

Co-Chairmen:

NAGANO Kunisuke and IIYAMA Tahei - Chief of International Committee of Dai Nippon Marine Industry Association (Dai Nippon Suisan Kai)

Businessi Bureau Chief Chief

DAN Tokusaburo, member of Japan Peace Protection Committee; WPC

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Advisers:
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KUHARA Fusanosuke - chairman of the People's Council for Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with China and the USSR (Nitchu Niso Kokko Kaifuku Kokumin Kaigi)

KATAYAMA Tetsu - Supreme adviser of (USP); WPC members

MATSUNAGA Yasuzaemon - Chairman of the Board of Tokyo Electric
Power Co. (Tokyo Denryoku K.K.)

Copon Cammunia Party

HOSOKAWA Karoku - (JCP) member

Committee Representatives:

KITAMURA To utaro - Liberal Democrat Party (LDP)

NARAHASHI Wataru - LDP member

MATSUMOTO Jiichiro - Japanese Socialist Party (JSP) WPC

KAZAMI Akira - JSP

Scientific workers / WES W) mumber YAMAGUCHI Kikuichiro - LDP OTANI Eijun - LDP member

AKI Koichi - Hitatsubashi University professor

NAKABE Kenkichi - president of Taiyo Fishery Co.

YAMAMOTO Kumaichi - Secretary General of the International (16 PT) Trade Promotion Association * (Kokusai

Boeki Sokushin Kyokai) And Sopeness of light of the International Committee For the fromotions. of The de (1007)
NAGANO Kunisuke - lawyer: ADT Datemational Conscious of The de (1007)
NAGANO Vocations Sometimes Lawyers / (ADL) member

HIRANO Yoshitaro - Secretary General of the Japan Peace
Protection Committee + WPC + WFS W + IADL

KAWASAKI Natsu - Adviser of the Japanese Society for the Protection of Children (Nippon Kodomo o

Manoru Kai) (Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF) applicate;

Liu Ning-i, member of WPC Bureau, Vice President of WFTU), member

of Chinese Peace Committee, made a lengthy speech to the Chinese (Cf. C) (the organized timed from in Chine)
People's Political Consultative Conference on 7 February 1956 in

which he proposed the formation of the Asian Solidarity Committee of Phone or Chian nas commissioned by the China Preparatory Committee for the

Asian Countries Conference." The Committee of which he was the

Secretary General was thus sponsored by the CPPCC rather than by the

Party or Peace Committee. Present at the meeting which set up the Committee were Chou En-lai, the vice chairmen, and delegates to the

Second Plenary session of the CPPCG, totaling over a thousand persons

Approved For Release 1999/08/24: CIA-RDP78-00915R0007007 Indian Preparatory Committee by October 1954. Although it has announced (by Lim Ning-i, for one, in the previously mentioned speech that a permanent Asian Solidarity in Johnson 1956, and Johnson 195 membership is available. r, the Preparatory Committee for the Asian Countries Conference hat Continued to be active. oen be assumed that they comprise the permanents Dr. Zakir HUSSAIN Member (nominated) Council of States; Vice-Chancellor Aligarh University; respected educator; has in past praised Red China. Dr. G. MAHAJANI Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University R.N. AGGARWAL President, Delhi Municipal Committee. At time of election attacked by Communist as "big business" stooge and supporter of extreme right-wing RSS. Gurmukh Nihal SINGH Chief Minister, Delhi State Mrs. Ammu SWAMINADHAN Congress MP from Madras; returned from visit to Red China in 1954 with praise for regime and conviction West exaggerating Communist peril. S.V. RAMASWAMY Congress MP, Madras P.S. Rajgopala NAIDU Member Council of States, Independent, Andhra Uma Charan PATNAIK Independent MP, Orissa V. Parameswaran NAYAR MP, United Front of Leftists, Travancore-Cochin J.V.K. VALLABHRAO Member Council of States, Amdhra Ramananda DAS Congress MP, West Bengal; member General Council Congress-sponsored INTUC; attended ILO Conferences at San Francisco (1948), Geneva (1951). Balwant Sinha MEHTA Congress MP, Rajasthan; welfare worker *Dr. Saifuddin KITCHLEW Long-time Congress Muslim stalwart, active peace-fronter. Known to Dept. Pandit SUNDERLAI Bhupesh GUPTA Member Council of States, West Bengal, Communist; member CPI Central Committee Pandit Chatur Narain MALVIYA Congress MP, Bhopal; All-India Peace Council official Amarnath VIDYALANKAR Congress MP, Punjab; State President INTUC: member trade-union delegation to Red China, 1954. present list of officers (Secretariat) Mrs Rameshwari Nehru - President Syed Nausher Ali-General Secretary Secreatries: Anup Singh-Source Mrs Violet Alva - seer Dr Choitram Gidwani -secretary Romesh Chandra - secretary Harish Chandra Mathur - Treasurer.

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Porhaps partially as a result of the plans for this conference in Cairo, an Egyptian branch of the Afro-Asian Selkiarity Committee has been created. The following individuals have been reported as included in its membership.

and in which the following people have been mentioned:

Anwar Sadat, # Secretary General of the Islam Conference and editor

Khalid Muhyi-al-Din-Geditor

Taha Husayn, leading literary and cultural figure; anti-USA

Ahmad Baharal-Din, leftist editor

Muhammad Pahmi al-Sayyid, member of National Assembly and allegal adviser to Nassir

Muhammad Hasanayn Haykal, editor

Yusuf Saba'l, former naval officer, author, critic, editor of Resalia

Abd-al-Qadir Hatim, deputy and director of the information department

Muhammad Fuad Jalal, deputy, strong supporter of friendship with Russia

Muhammad Fahmi al-Sayed

Muhammad Hassane, editor of Al Ahram bm Haykaw

Ihsan Abd-al-Kuddus, editor of pro-Communist Rose al-Yusuf

Ahmad Baha-al-Hafiz, deputy

Zakariya Lutfi Gomaa, anti-USA intellectual.

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preparatory committee were:

tives of at least 21 of the 30 countries expected to be represented at the conference. Some of the members of this preparatory computtee were:

Anwar Sadat (Egypt) - Chairman

Anup Singh (India) - Vice Chairman and Chairman of the subcommittee to study the agenda

" A Japanese " -- Vice Chairman

Yusuf al-Sibai (Egypt) -Chairman of the subcommittee for administrative arrangements.

Tang Ming-Chou (China) - WPC member -member of Chinese National Assembly.

Ali Buzu (Syria) - deputy

Abdullah al-Rimawy (Jordan), former Minister of State.

Salah al jin Saljuqi (Afghanistan) Ambassador to Egypt

Yusuf al-Roweissi (Tunisia)

Yebaw, Myo Myint (Burma) - General Secretary of the Burmese Peace Council

P. Azimov (USSR)

Khalid Muhyi-al-Din- (Egypt), editor

Muhammad Hasanayn Haykal (Egypt)

Toko Saburo Dan (Japan)

Huot Sambath (Cambodia) , former Minister of Education

Suat Belge (Turkey)

The agenda drawn up by this preparatory committee for the

December conference includes the following items:

- 1) A review of the present international situation and its effects on the Afro-Asian
- 2) Opposition to imperialism and the attainment of the peoples' right of independence and
- 3) War in Algeria.

- 4) The barning of the use of atomic weapons and and testing of atomic tests.
- 5) Racial discrimination and segregation
- 6) Support of economic and technical cooperation among the Afro-Asian peoples.
- 7) Greater cultural exchanges between Asian and African countries.
- 8) Other matters submitted by delegates.

Preparations for this conference appears to have been the occasion for setting up

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This committee was set up in May 1956 and its headquarters is Moscow although it is staffed principly by central

Chairmann-Zectursun-Zade, writer of the Tadzhik SSR

- Secretary A Sofronov, chief editor of the newspaper Ogonek
 - P. Azimov, rector of the University of the Turkmen SSR
 - M. Ruezov writer of the Kaskh-SSR
 - Z. Babakhanov, deputy chairman of the religious guidance of Moslems of Central Asian Kazakhstan
 - T.Berdeyev president of the Turkmen Academy of Science
 - B. Bultrikova Minister of Social Insurance of the Kazakh SSR
 - A. Guber director of the Institute of Eastern rn Studies of the USSR Academy of Science
 - K. Konduchalov (public works ?) Kirgiz SSR
 - M. Nesterov chairman of the presidium of the All-Union Chamber of Commerce
 - K. Satpayev president of the Academy of Sciences of the Kazakh SSR
 - S. Sevunts writer of the Armenian SSR
 - N. Tikhonov writer
 - M.U.Topchibbashev vice president of the Academy of Sciences of the Azerbaijan SSR
 - D. Hodzhayyev chairman of the Trade Union Council of the Uzbek SSR People's Artist
 - A.U. Khorava people's artist of the USSR, Georgian SSR
 - K. Yulvashev architect, member of the Academy of Sciences of the Tadzhik SSR
 - B. Yunysalyev rector of the University of the Kirgiz SSR
 - S. Yunusov vice president of the Academy of Sciences of the Uzbek SSR

Approved For Release 1999/08/24 : CIA-RDP78-00915R099700150017-0 North Korea 5. The Korean Committee for the Solidarity of Asia Formed in May 1956, this Committee is comprised of 35 members, "including cadres of various political parties, social organizations, and workers of science, culture and art." Chairman - Han Sol-ya, also Chairman of the Korean National Peace Committee Vice Chairman - Pack Na-Un, President of the Academy of Sciences of the Democratic People's republic of Korea Pae Tong-Kun, Vice Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Red Cross Society General Secretary - Chang So-Hwan, Vice Chairman of the Korean Democratic Youth League North Vietnam 6. The Vietnem Committee for Asian Solidarity Founded in October 1956, this Committee has 49 members with the following officers: Chairman - Ton Quang Phiet, Vice Chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committ Vide Chairmen - Dr. Nguyen Van Huong, head of the Vietnamese delegation to the Conference of Asian Countries in New Delhi. Dr. Nguyen Viem Hai Xuan Thuy, member of the Politburo of the Lao Dang/Party (GR) Mme. Nguyen Thi Thuc Vien 7. The Asian Solidarity Committee of Burma An "organizational committee " for this group was reported in the newspaper Burman in March 1957. The only officer named was Secretary General of the Organizational Committee -U Hla Djo, attorne; a visit to Indonesia in September 1956, Elume, attre member of The UPC, niged the

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Friends of Soviet Unions member of Indian Cultural Delegation to Red Chinas has written sympatheriogily of Red Oninese economy

Chandhary Hyder Hassein Congress Farty member Parliament

c. Relations with 6ther Communist Fronts and With Astional Communist Parties.

The Asian colidarity Committee aspires to be considered non-political and makes claims of being representative of all weaks of life and of all shades of opinion. It especially seeks non-Communists (prominent ones) to exploit as members. However, it is thoroughly in the control of active Communists and fellow travelers connected with the Communist front organizations. Members of all the major Communist fronts (WPC, IUS, WFDY, WIDF, IABL, IOJ, CPIT, WFSW, and the "friendship" societies) can be found on the lists of the various Asian Committees.

The ASC relationship with the WPC has been pointed out in the historical account of the origin of ASC. Asian members of the WPC are on the the world with the committees almost to a man. Some dozen persons active in the start of the way of the way of the way of the world with the start of the way of the way

Asian Committees almost to a man. Some dozen persons active in the solidarity Committees almost to a man. Some dozen persons active in the Asian Committees are in the WPC Bureau itsleft two are in the WPC Sopre- and the WPC Bureau itsleft two are in the WPC Sopre- and the WPC Bureau itsleft two are in the WPC Sopre- and the WPC Bureau itsleft two are in the WPC Sopre- and the WPC Bureau itsleft two are in the WPC Sopre- and the

To illustrate the inter-relationship of the Asian Committees and other

Communist fronts, the following specific examples are cited:

hi-Ning-i, Vice President of the WFTU and member of both the WPC and CPIT Bureaus, Secretary General of the WPC Liaison Bureau for Asia and the Pacific Regions, is concurrently General Secretary of the Asian Solidarity Committee for China. Further involvment with the WFTU was evident when S.A. Dange, an Indian Vice President of the WFTU, entertained labor delegates to the Asian conference in the name of the New Delhi Trade Union Council (a "new" erganization suspected of having been created for

use with dwarf mendenship in other fronts include:

Nguyen Cong Hoa (N. Vietnam) - member of Vietnamese Labor Confederation

Liu Chang-sheng (China) - member of Vietnamese Labor Confederation, active

a Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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To the dozen Asiquasolidarity Committee members already serving on the WPC Dureau, the WPC meeting incolonbo in 1957 added five more. Three of these joined the two alreading members of the WPC secretariat. Additional ASC members are active in the national peace committees. News of The Saldarly Committees is reported regardarly in the WPC Balletin.

Dr. Gyan Chand - India-China Friendship Association

Sahib Singh Sokhey - Stalin Peace Prize winner 1953; member WCD-WSFW-(retired Indian Army doctor); Chairman International Student Relief Committee of IUS WPC Bureau

Nguyen Thi Thuc Vien (N. Vietnam) - Vice President of the Union of Vietnamese Women (WIDF affiliate)

Nguyen Xran Thuy (N. Vietnam) - Chairman of the Association of
Vietnamese Journalists (TDJ);
active in Vietnam-China and VietnamSoviet Friendship Societies; member
of WPC

Pak Den Ai - Chairman of Korean Democratic Leage of Women (WIDF);
WPC Bureau; Stalin Peace Prize winner

Hoang Minh Chinh - (N. Vietnam) - Executive Committee of WFDY

Kha Van Can (S. Vietnam) - active in Chinese and Soviet Friendship Societies

Tomi Wada Kora (Japan) - Vice President of the All-Japan Women's Federation (WIDF)

Diwan Chaman Lal (India) - IADL member

| Marian | Land |

B.N. Ganguli - President Friends of Soviet Union.

Morchi Fuhuchima - WSFW -

Satyen Bose

The close relationship of the ASC with the Communist Party is shown in the same manner. Communist Party members are present in all the Solidarity Committee lists. Most of the Chinese and Soviet members are Communists () many of high level caliber.

- officer of the India-China Friendship Society

A few are claimed not to be Party members as in the case of Colonel Nikolai Semenovich Tikhonov. He was an officer in the Imperial Russian Army, but supported the Bolsheviks during the Revolution and has represented Soviet peace and cultural causes abroad since the 1930s. Examples of active Party members in other Asian Committees are:

Bhupesh Gupta - member of the Central Committee of the Indian Communist Party

Romesh Chandra - member of the Central Committee of the Indian Communist Party

Dr. Mulk Anand - member of the CPI

Pak Den Ai (North Korea) - Vice Chairman of the Korean Labor Party (CP)

Nguyen Xuan Thuy (North Vietnam) - Member of the Politburo of the Lao

Dang Party (CP)

Hoai Thanh (North Vietnam) - member of the Permanent Committee of the Lien Viet Front

Hoang Minh Chinh (North Vietnam) - member of the Permanent Committee of the Lien Viet Front

Le Dinh Tham (North Vietnam) - Vice Chairman of the Lien Viet Front. Liao Cheng-chil - helpity blirecter united Front blefit, ccp.

3. ACTION PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION.

Although a main function of these Asian Solidarity Committees will be the popularizing of Soviet projects and bringing Soviet-Communist propaganda into contact with all levels of the various populations, specific events have taken place which offer an indication of how the programs will be implemented.

a) Indian Asian Schodert & Committee Activities The Indian Committee held an All-India Conference for Asian Solidarity in Hyderabad 21-23 October 1955, "on the eve of the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Geneva. . . which gave 'Indian public opinion' the opportunity to make its point of view on international problems known to the Foreign Ministers at Geneva." Because of her illness, Mrs. Nehru's presidential address was read by Dr. Anup Singh. In it she pointed out the still standing issues in Asia as attempts to sabotage the cease-fire agreements in Indo-China and Korea, mounting tension in the Middle East, growing instances of colonialism and racialism in Africa, continued Portuguese occupation of Indian territories, the question of the restoration of Twaiwan to the Chinese People's Republic, China's rightful place in the Un; tend restoration of sovereign rights to Japan. She declared that a "Geneva-style conference" such as proposed by Prime Minister Nehru to discuss Far Eastern questions "would go a long way towards solvingthe pressing problems of Asia and would put an end to foreign domination and interference in the internal affairs of Asia. . . " (Note: A summit, or at least, foreign minister level, conference on Asia is certain to be pressed by all the Solidarity Committees.)

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A letter, signed by some twenty "eminent" writers read as follows ". . . An All- India Conference of Asian Solidarity is being convened by Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru and the Indian Solidarity Committee to consider ways and means to implement the program outlined by the Asian Conference in New Delhi. It has been suggested that a number of Indian writers meet on this occassion in Hyderabad in order to discuss the possibility of calling a conference of Asian writers, for which much feeling exists not only among the various sections of opinion in our country but also among the intelligentsia of the different countries of Asia. . . . For hundreds of years the peoples of Asia have been subjected to foreign rule. . . our ties with our brothers of Asia have just begun to be renewed after having been severed under imperialist domination. . . (we must) pool our energies so that we can outline a program for immediate action and call a conference of Asian writers such a conference is necessarily our deliberations. " (This Conference of asian Waters was convensed in the helps in blecember 1956).

October 1955--of workers who could not attend the day-time sessions of the Conference. The Asian Solidarity Committee for India also participated in a "Peace Fortnight" 16-30 November 1955 in conjunction with the All-India Peace Council The purpose was to popularize the Nehry-Bulganin declaration. On behalf of the Solidarity Committee, CChaudhary Hyder Hussain (Congress Party member of Parliament) sent

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Members of the Indian ASC were active in promoting the All-India Peace Conference for Disarmament, 23-26 December, 1955 in New Delhi. The meeting was held during a big industrial fair and while Parliament was in session in order that Communist-slanted discussions on economic and technical exchanges might have the fullest effect.

In the following February (1956), Mrs Nehru, ASC President, addressed a letter to the various branches inviting them to "an emergency meeting, since the situation in Asia has taken a serious turn. "She outlined this situation as consisting of moves to destroy the spirit of Bandung and Geneva, the "maneuver" of a SEATO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Karachi, efforts to expand the Baghdad Treaty, hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific, and aggrava tions of issues in Indo-China and Korea. Appril on early May was the date suggested tentatively for this emergency meeting in one of 4 countries -Syria, Lebanon, Japan, or China, - apt which the ASC hoped to begin preparations for the 2nd Asian Nations Conference.

The ASC of Japan met immediately upon recempt of the letter and signified their concurrence with the plan, but stated their preference that the meeting should be held in India. No further information is available concerning the meeting.

On the domestic front, the Indian ASC has recommended to the Lalita Akademy that it follow its International Exhibition of Buddhist Art next year with an annual traveling exhibition of ancient and modern art of the various Asian countries. To the Sahitya Akademy and the National Book Trust, it recommended the translation of ancient and modern classics of Asian countries for publication in India, and likewise translations of the best Indian works into the various Asian classics. The ASC request to the Ministry of Education was that it give special attention to the writing of Indian history in the light of India's relationship with other Asian countries " to bring out the inter-Asian cultural ties estatab

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lished in the past, against the imperialist misinterpretations." The Committee also asked that schools for Asian and African studies be established in all universities, that there be an exchange of teachers, facilities for research scholars, and inclusion of Indian scholars in Government delegations to other Asian countries. Finally, the ASC recommended that a Permanent Cultural Section be set up in the Committee for implementation of these aims.

Approved For Release 1999/08/24: CIA-RDP78-00975000700150017-0 The ASC of Japan, early in 1956, organized an Asian Solidarity Delegation to make a two-month tour of Asian and African countries " for the promotion of solidarity between the apanese people and other people in Asia and Africa." This Delegation has best wined and dined extensively. The Committee also sent Japanese experts em geography to the geographical seminar held in India in January 1956 under the auspices of the IUS. The Committee has cooperated with other organizations (both Communist and non-Communist) to create a movement against US bases on Okinawa and to protest atomic tests in the Pacific The Asian Countries Conference organized the first conference Vin commemoration of 6 August in Hiroshima en the 10th anniversary of the This event was repeated in angust of 1956 and 1954 Another has been scheduled for 6 August 1956 in Neg saki and it is clear that the day will be perpetuated as a Communist date. plans of the Japanese ASC include a 2-weeks Asian architect conference in Tokyo next gent; an Asian youth conference organized by the apanese Council of Youth Organization tions; invitations to Nehru, Mme Pandit, and Ko Mo-jo to visit Japan; and meetings to promote the exchange of cultures organized by fisheries, scientific, and cultural Approved For Release 1999/08/24 : CIA-RDP78-00915R000700150017-0

circles in Japan.

Approved For Release 1999/08/24 CA-RDP78-00915R000700150017-0 Q. Throughout 1956, Asian Solidarity Committees busied themselves variously in activities such as bigorous support of Egypt in the Suez conflict; continued stress of " insidious and victous new colonialism of the United States " through military and economic aid to SEATO countries; meetings and declarations against atomic tests; denunciation of the " Eisenhower Doctrine; an Asian Writers Conference which failed to end in the new front envisaged by its originators -- however, a second Writers conference is now scheduled for the Soviet Union where control will be easier; and much " cultural exchange" and talk of the "Bandung spirit." In fact, from the use made of the Five Principles, or Panch Shila, signed by Chou Enlai and Nehry and techer emissions from the first conference of official representatives of Asian governments at Bandung in April 1955, an entirely false impression could be received that this conference was an activity of the WPC and the ASC---- an impression which is apparently hopedcuillrconfuse the 2nd Conference of the Asian and African Countries / now scheduled for take place in Cairo 1-5 October 1957 with a 2nd Bandung conference which the Soviet Union is known to greatly desire. It is known that the Soviet Union has endeavored to bring about a second meeting of the Bandung Bousses because the Communist bloc is in a good position to take advatage of such a conference. It is possible that the bloc's representation would be increased by delegations from North Korea, Mongolia, and perhaps even the USSR (which was not invited to the first conference). The neutralist contingent might be increased by the addition of Ceylon and Burma (pro-West formerly), Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Syria. Against this set-up, Pakistan, Turkey, Thailand, and the Philippines which have not been entirely unresponsive to bloc overtures, make might be reluctant to stand too firmly against Communist-neutralist proposals. The Communist delegates could be expected to come with concrete proposals of economic and technical aid and to press for extension of trade and cultural exchange - appealing moves designed to back up the bilateral approaches Moscow and Peking are making in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Chou En-lai, Bandaranaike, Norodom Sihanouk, Khalid Al-Azm, and Nasir have all spoken out in favor of a second Bandung conference. The fact that this conference is held improbable for the near future may have contributed to the decision of the Asian Solidarity Committee to sponsor an apparent substitute to it at Cairo . A Good Will Mission from the ASC consisting of Dr Anup Singh, member of the Indian Parliament, Yang Shuo, Chinese novelist, Masaharu Hatanaka, Japanese journalist, and Antoli S. 1959 and ennounced that aggression had strenthened bring Asian and African people together more often. President Nasia approroved their plan to hold the 2nd Conference of Asian and African Countries in Cairo, promised complete cooperation and stated that a conference at this juncture would be very useful. It is reported that the Egyptian Peace Committee and/or the Egyptian Government will pay travel-Islami with the conference, wandx An effort to include a strong African representation in line with the Committee's desire to expand from an Asian an A fro Asian movement will be made, bloc representatives will exploit the conference to establish closer identification of the Asian and African nations with Communist nations on such issues as anticolonialism, and to influence the conference to adopt position generally consistent with Communist policy. On the whole, the conference can be expected to serve as a platform for Sino-Soviet attacks on Western, particularly American, foreign p

On effort was made after attracting some 200 Asian labor leaders to the May Day celebration in Peking in 1955 to organize a Confederation of Asian Trade Unions. However, some of them, the Indians especially, became affronted at the obvious ruse to get them together and refused to cooperate, and The Confederation is still only a "friendly association." Some of the other targets for these committees will be:

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(1) a "Geneva-type" conference on Asian problems;

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(4) opposition to SEATO and the Baghdad Pact;

more economic and political agreements between all Asian countries; (The Sino-Soviet bloc is conducting a determined and increasing drive to extend their influence by economic means in the non-Communist countries of the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Special emphasis has been laid on countries where the economic drive will have the most useful political effect--Egypt, India, Burma, Afghanistan. This is largely accomplished by offers of trade opportunities and technical and financial assistance.)

(%) winning over the uncommitted states to neutralism, at least. The Bloc is clearly trying to set up India, the foremost of the neutral states, as the "6th great power" in world affairs—which could be pursuant to Lenin's idea that a Moscow- New Delhi-Peking bloc would be invincible on the Eurasian continent.

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A Quarterly Magazine Devoted to Afro-Asian The first issue of the Asia-Africa Review , A Quar official argan of the arean Solidarity Resurgence and Solidarity A appeared in January 1957, published from the Asian Solidarity Committee office at 14 Janpath Barracks, New Delhi. The staff was listed as follows: Editorial Advisory Board Chairman - Mrs Rameshwari Newru, New Delhi Members - Kaka Kalelkar, M.P., New Delhi Prof. M. Habib, Aligarh Dr Gyan Chand, New Delhi Maj Gen S.S. Sokhey, New Delhi Executive Editor - Feroz Chand, New Delhi Contributing Editors Shigeo Sato - Japan Lin Sung Halt - Korea Chen Han-Sheng - China Suleiman Munir Suleman - Syria P.A. Vishnyakov - USSR (The Asia-Africa Review is the official organ of the Asian Solidarity Sommittee) The Review contained " News of Our Movement", a summary of the Movement's progress. fore casts in various dountries, some items of future issues, an editorial regarding the Committee by Mrs Nehru, An Asian Commentary, Notes for Discussion on the Cultural roblems of Asia and Africa, an editorial " About Ourselves, andarticles on Asian questions. stated that the original name for the press organ had been " About Durselves" delegates, who had attended the xax while attending the Asian Writers' New Asia but found that the consensus of opinion to be that the Asian Solidarity Movement Conference, irst issue of the must extend its scope to become an Afro-Asian movement. The Review had already been written at that time, therefore the next number would have a more truly Afro-Asian characemphasizing the theme currently engrossing there f bothe areas - the fight against colonialism and ter along the per excellence racialism. "The Asign Commentary" included some paragraphs about the need of translators and convened a session o Translators (FIT) had the International Federation of reported tha Translators (ICAMET) on the accasion the International Conference of Asian and Middle East UNESCO's first asian meeting. Among the recommendations coming out of this ICAMET session was that international organizations such as UNESCO

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4. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS AS A COMMUNIST AGENCY.

The establishment of the Asian Solidarity Committee accentuates a trend already evident in Soviet-Communist treatment of Asia and Africa?

Coming at a time when both Moscow and Peking are making new, elaborate approaches to the area, especially to India and the Arab countries, this propaganda organization may be expected to cultivate all sorts of manifestations of unity and historic friendship between them and the Communist of the countries of the area than the communist of the countries of persons capable of the countries of the countries of the area of the countries of the co

work to

1) Through various devices, such as exchanges and visits at all levels of society, to propagate the notion that Asian countries do in fact have a common tradition and "shared experience" (without mentioning the traditional conflicts) - especially with 2)

To shift attention subtly from war, as emphasized in the "peace" campaigns, to this shared experience" and thus to make the Solidarity Committee appear as quasi-official

- 3) To perhaps create a sort of Security Pact if agitation for a Far Eastern Conference of the Geneva type is achieved (and through the ASC to plant delegates friendly to the Communist cause in such a Conference as was done in New Delhi).
- 4) In keeping with the tactic of exchange, to call for Asian conferences of all types high on the list of which is an Asian economic conference (one has already been 5).
- 5) To identify the ASCs increasingly with parliamentary democracy in Asia, as a means of influencing and penetrating formal governments of the area; and to draw into them all social and political elements from the Asian countries.
- 6) To recrient the influential Socialist parties of Asia towards philosophical acceptance of Soviet foreign policy and Soviet internal economic practices.
- exchange and publicizing economic aid to make the Soviet orbit countries appear as the

fare. It is already evident that the West has lost some of its former friends in the area Thailand, Pakistan, Cambodia finet due entirely to the Solidarity Committees, of course, but certainly "aided and abetted" by them to an increasing extent. The disruptive potentialities of the organization are therefore very great. "Asianism" is used by the Communists to keep alive old animosities and to exclude and humiliate the West.

Lenin used the concept of a unified Asia in his thesis of "enslavement" of the present Communist twist of it into "new colonialism" helps to retain credibility for Communist propaganda and to thwart the evolutionary efforts of former western colonial powers to champion viable governments which also have a hopeful degree of popular support.

To this end Communist propagnada may be expected to invoke such canards as attacks upon the remaining enclaves of Western colonialism in Goa, Irian, and Okinawa; the "threats" to peace in Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam; the "menace" of Western economic penetration to the independence and development of the new Asian states; the "re-entry" of Japan into the Asian community; the "loss" of Asian culture and traditions. This type of propaganda may be "developing an anti-white chauvism in nations of enormous populations, but no traditions of self-government, that is changing the course of history."

Approved For Release 1999/04/24:CIA-RDP78-00915R000 The list of committee members and officers, which includes several CCF tionaries (e.g. Liao Cheng-chih and Liu Ning-i), and most of the prominent front personalities in China, is evidence of the importance which μ eking attaches to the ASC. The Chinese Communists can be expected to utilize the ASC to further enhance leadurabile un asia. Kuo Mo-jo presided. It was declared that, in order to enhance further the friendly solidarity and peaceful coexistence among all Asian people, it had been considered necessary to set up an organization of a permanent nature. The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution to establish the Asian Solidarity Committee of China and approved a list of officers and a committee of 21 persons "from all walks of add * invest aghty-me Chairman - Kno Mo-jo - WPC member Vice Chairmen - Mao Tun, Li Te-chuan, Liao Cheng-chih, Liu Ning-i, WFC , WFT / Secretary General - Liu Ning-1 Haien Haich-w Committee Members: HIVE Ting Hsi-lin; Tao hing-pan; m; Wang Yun-sheng Wang Yuan-hsing; Tien Fu-ta; Pai Iang; Yueh Sung-sheng Sun Hsiao-tsun; Ta Pu-sheng; Chi Pai-shih; Liu Ning-i; Liu Ko-ping; Liu Lin-jui; Cheng Fang-wu; Li Chu-chen; Li Wei-kuang; Li Te-chuan; Li Fu-jen; Tu Kuo-hsiang Chou -chia; Chou Kang-ming; Chi Hsien-lin; Yüeh-lin; Chen Wen-kuei; Chen Pai-then; Chen Chi-yu; Chen Ching-yu; Chen Han-sheng Su Pu-ching; Hou Te-pang; Yu Ping-po; Nan Han-chen; Shih Ju-chang. Tha kan Ko-ken; Hu The-ang; Mao I-sheng; Mao Tun; Chao Pu-chu; Chao I-min; Cheng Chen-to; Cheng Sen-yu; Ni Fei-chun; chi; Kao Chung-min; Jung I-jen; Chang Kuang-tou; Chang Chih-jang; Chang Yen; Chang Jui-fang; Chang Yueh-hsia; Chang Chun-hsiang; Liang Hsi; Mei Lan-fang; Mei Kung-pin; Chang Tzu-kung; Chuang Ming-li; Hsu Kuang-ping; Hsu Pao-chu; Hsu Te-heng; Kuo Mo-jo; Fu Lien-chang; 7 Hsi-jao-chia-tso; Tang Hsiao-tan; Feng Yu-lan; Huang Chang-shui; Huang Chi-hsiang; Yang Hsien-tung; Wen Chi-tse; Liao Chenghih; Ning Wu; Hsiung Fu; Pao Erh-han; Hsieh Ping-hein; Hsieh Hein-kuang; Sai Fu-ting; Tai M-lien; Lan Ling; I Mei-hou. 3. Asian Solidarity Committee for India. Letters on official stationary were emanating from a well set up of them phonetrially spelled